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SUBJECT: REPORT OF DRAFTING WORKING GROUP MEETING, APRIL 14,
1975 (SALT TWO-614)

1. AT APRIL 14 MEETING (A-823), DRAFTING WORKING GROUP
(KLOSSON, EARLE/KARPOV, SMOLIN) DISCUSSED US ARTICLES III,
VI, IX, AND SOVIET ARTICLES VI, XI, XIV.

2. RESPONDING TO PREVIOUS SOVIET PROPOSALS, US SIDE OFFERED
TO CONSIDER PLACING IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE THE PROVISIONS
DEALING WITH THE STATUS OF WEAPONS SUBJECT TO AGGREGATE LIMITS
AND THEIR ENTRY INTO THE AGGREGATE COUNT, CURRENTLY ADDRESSED
IN US III.2 AND IV.2. THE SEPARATE ARTICLE WOULD ALSO PROVIDE
FOR REMOVAL OF WEAPONS FROM THE AGGREGATE, AND INCORPORATE
US III, PARAS 3, 4, AND 5, WHICH DEAL WITH RELATED ISSUES.

3. KARPOV PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE FOR SOVIET XI, PICKING UP
REFERENCES IN CORRESPONDING US IX TO SCC AND TO WEAPONS
PROHIBITED BY THE AGREEMENT, AND RETAINING SOVIET PHRASE
"PUT IN A CONDITION WHICH PRECLUDES THEIR OPERATIONAL USE."

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4. IN DISCUSSION OF US VI/SOVIET XIV, TERENCEV EXPLAINED

THAT SOVIET TERM "KOSMODROM" (SPACE CENTER OR SPACE PORT) REFERRED TO AN EXTENSIVE AREA WHERE LAUNCHERS ARE DEPLOYED AND USED ONLY FOR SPACE RESEARCH AND SPACE FLIGHT AND ARE USED REGULARLY FOR THOSE PURPOSES. CAPE CANAVERAL AND BAIKONUR WERE CITED AS TYPICAL EXAMPLES. NOTING THAT SOVIET XIV EXEMPTS SPACE LAUNCHERS FROM THE AGGREGATE ONLY WHEN DEPLOYED AT SUCH SPACE CENTERS, KLOSSON ASKED HOW SOVIETS WOULD DEAL WITH HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION IN WHICH A FIELD IS USED BOTH FOR TESTING OF MILITARY MISSILES AND FOR SPACE LAUNCHERS. HE NOTED THAT UNDER SOVIET FORMULATION, CONTROLLING FACTOR FOR EXEMPTION OF SPACE LAUNCHERS WOULD BE LOCATION AT SPACE CENTER, WHEREAS UNDER US FORMULATION IT WOULD BE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE LAUNCHERS FOR SPACE PURPOSES. KARPOV SAID SOVIET SIDE WOULD THINK OVER THESE CONSIDERATIONS.

5. NEXT MEETING 3:30 P.M. APRIL 16. JOHNSON

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